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1. DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN WILL RELEASE FOLLOWING STATEMENT THIS EVENING, JUNE 29:

WITH RESPECT TO THE STATEMENTS ON THE PLO MADE BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARROP ON JUNE 27 AND AMBASSADOR ATHERTON ON JUNE 28 IN TESTIMONY BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE, THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE VIEW THE PLO AS AN ORGANIZATION, ELEMENTS AND MEMBERS OF WHICH ADVOCATE AND CARRY OUT ACTS OF TERRORISM. WE CONDEMN SUCH ACTS AND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO PERPETRATE THEM. IN THIS REGARD, WE CONDEMN TODAY'S BOMBING IN JERUSALEM, FOR WHICH AN ORGANIZATION OF THE

PLO HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, AND THOSE WHO PERPETRATED THIS ATROCITY COMMITTED AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE. WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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